

Biography

Michael Halpern is deputy director of the Center for Science and Democracy at the Union of Concerned Scientists. For more than 15 years at UCS, Michael has worked to promote solutions that ensure government decisions are fully informed by scientific information, and that the public understands the scientific basis for those decisions. He also oversees efforts to enable scientists to more effectively engage the public.

Michael has extensive expertise in defending scientists from harassment and creating conditions that make science and scientists more resilient to political, industry, and ideological influence. He speaks and writes regularly on the use and misuse of science in decision making, and the forces that drive attacks on science. He has co-authored several reports and articles that detail solutions that would improve scientific integrity and accountability and has advised federal agencies and departments on development of policies to promote scientific independence in the context of policymaking in the United States and Canada.

He has published articles in *Science*, the *American Journal of Public Health*, the *Environmental Law and Policy Annual Review*, and *PLOS Biology*. He has appeared in scores of national and international media outlets, including the Associated Press, The Boston Globe, CNN, National Public Radio, NBC, The New York Times, and The Washington Post. Prior to joining UCS, Michael worked as a public awareness director for the Brain Injury Association of Minnesota, and as a community organizer in St. Paul, Minnesota. Michael holds a B.A. in sociology and communication studies from Macalester College.